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**IRANIAN OFFENSIVE
AHVAZ-KHORRAMSHAHR AREA, IRAN**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: ELEMENTS OF AN IRAQI BRIGADE-SIZE ARMOR FORCE MAY HAVE REPOSITIONED FROM THEIR PREVIOUS DEPLOYMENT AREA JUST WEST OF AHVAZ. THE IRANIANS HAVE REOCCUPIED AN ADDITIONAL SEGMENT OF THE AHVAZ-KHORRAMSHAHR HIGHWAY. THE IRAQIS APPEAR TO BE REGROUPING AND REINFORCING THEIR UNITS OPPOSITE THE IRANIAN FORCES ALONG THE HIGHWAY.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: ELEMENTS OF AN IRAQI BRIGADE-SIZE ARMOR FORCE, DEPLOYED JUST WEST OF AHVAZ IN THE VICINITY OF 31-13N 048-24E ON [REDACTED] ARE NOT OBSERVED AND MAY HAVE BEEN REPOSITIONED. HOWEVER, THE DEPLOYMENT AREA WAS ONLY PARTIALLY IMAGED. ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE IRAQI MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE REMAIN DEPLOYED JUST SOUTH OF THE KARKHEH KUR RIVER NEAR 31-20N 048-13E. ONLY PART OF THIS DEPLOYMENT AREA WAS IMAGED. THE IRANIAN INFANTRY UNIT, OBSERVED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE KARKHEH KUR RIVER ON [REDACTED] REMAINS NEAR 31-14N 048-23E.

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THE IRANIANS HAVE REOCCUPIED ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS OF THE AHVAZ-KHORRAMSHAHR HIGHWAY SINCE [REDACTED], AND NOW CONTROL AT LEAST 12 NM EXTENDING FROM AT LEAST 30-52N 048-12E to 30-40N 048-11E. ADDITIONAL IRANIAN FORCES ARE AT LEAST 3 NM FARTHER SOUTH AND EAST OF THE HIGHWAY, INDICATING IRANIAN CONTROL EXTENDS EVEN FARTHER SOUTH. THE HIGHWAY IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THESE FORCES WAS NOT IMAGED AND THE EXTENT OF CONTROL CANNOT BE DETERMINED. IRANIAN FORCES CONTROLLING THIS HIGHWAY AREA INCLUDE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AN ARMOR DIVISION.

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THE IRAQI ARMOR AND MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADES OPPOSING THE IRANIANS ALONG THE HIGHWAY APPEAR TO BE REGROUPING. REINFORCEMENTS CONSISTING OF AT LEAST TWO ARMOR COMPANIES ARE MOVING INTO THE DEPLOYMENT AREA FROM THE WEST. SUPPORTING ARTILLERY FOR THE TWO BRIGADES, WHICH CONSISTS OF AT LEAST FIVE FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, IS IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE IRAQI BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF 30-41N 048-01E.

3. BE NA, COORDINATES N/A

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